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For: Process and Apparatus for)
Stretching Textile Fibers)
(as amended herein)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present Information Disclosure Statement is submitted
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cited by the German Patent Office. Please note that German
Patent DE 38 01 688 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,922,580.
Applicant's duty to provide a concise statement of relevance as
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The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his
convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or
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Respectfully submitted,

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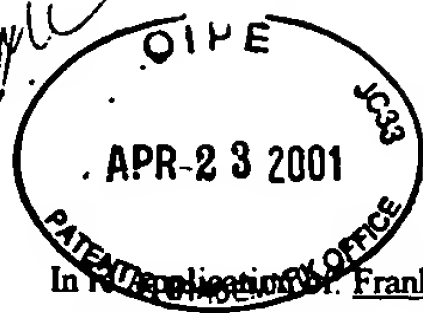
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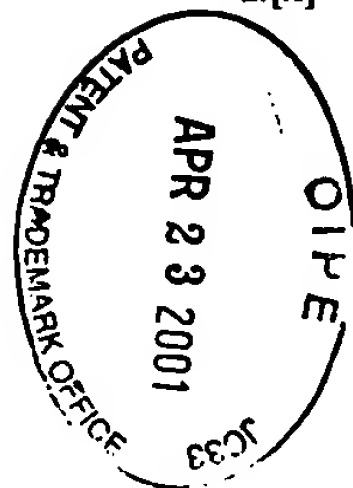
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